

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend page 1, lines 5-17 as follows:

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This application claims benefit of (1) pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/901,310, filed 07/09/01 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for IMPLANT WITH COMPOSITE COATING (Attorney's Docket HAYES-707 CON), which is in turn a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/079,502, filed 05/14/98 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for IMPLANT WITH COMPOSITE COATING (Attorney's Docket No. 13928-707/HAYES 079502/HAYES-707), and (2) pending prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,962, filed 07/20/00 by Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al. for BIMETAL ACETABULAR COMPONENT CONSTRUCT (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-4 PROV).

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